



# TOWN OF ESTES PARK

## Community Profile

### VISIT THE TOWN'S WEBSITE

[www.estes.org](http://www.estes.org)

The complete source for Estes Park maps, links to events, community information, resources and Town services for residents and businesses, utilities, Town employment opportunities, Town government, building and zoning information, and much more.

**Elevation:** 7,522 feet  
above sea level

**Total area, Town of Estes Park:**  
6.98 square miles

**Median age:** 51.5  
*2010 Census (within Town limits)*

**Median household income:** \$52,778  
*2010 U.S. Census*

**Comprehensive Plan:**  
Adopted in 1996

**Estes Valley Development Code:**  
Adopted in 1999

**2011 traffic count totals:**  
U.S. Highway 34: 1,827,389  
U.S. Highway 36: 2,195,635

**Sister City:**  
Monteverde, Costa Rica

### TOWN OF ESTES PARK

170 MacGregor Avenue  
P.O. Box 1200  
Estes Park, CO 80517  
Telephone: 970-586-5331

**Town Government**  
Incorporated April 7, 1917

Elected Mayor and six-member Board of Trustees; Town Administrator and Assistant Town Administrator. Business licenses are required for all businesses; request through the Town Clerk's office. Town dog licenses are required; request through the Town's Finance Department or a local veterinarian.

Estes Park, Colorado is located 70 miles northwest of Denver at the eastern entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park. The town can be reached from the east via U.S. Highways 34 and 36, and Colorado Highway 7. Access from the west is by U.S. Highway 34 which crosses the Continental Divide. Also known as Trail Ridge Road, that section of the roadway is generally open from May through October, weather permitting. Surrounded by some of the most spectacular scenery in the Rocky Mountains, Estes Park is a popular choice for vacationers throughout the year. The area is known for its diverse variety of watchable wildlife including elk, deer and bighorn sheep.

### Estes Park Climate

#### Average high temperature

April—September 69° F  
October—March 45° F

#### Average low temperature

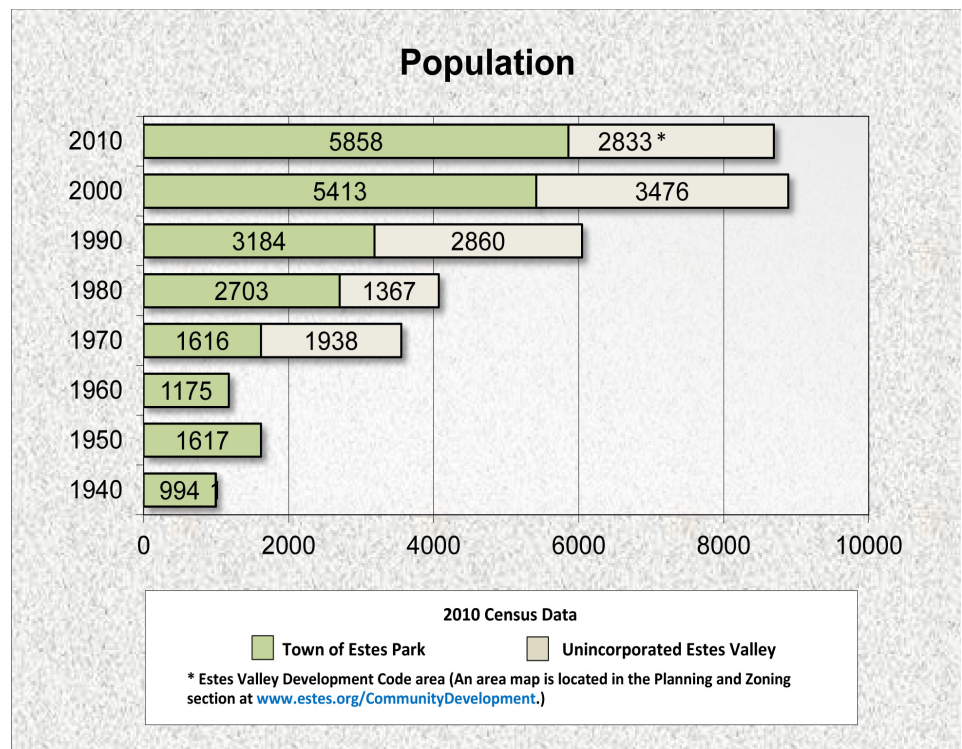
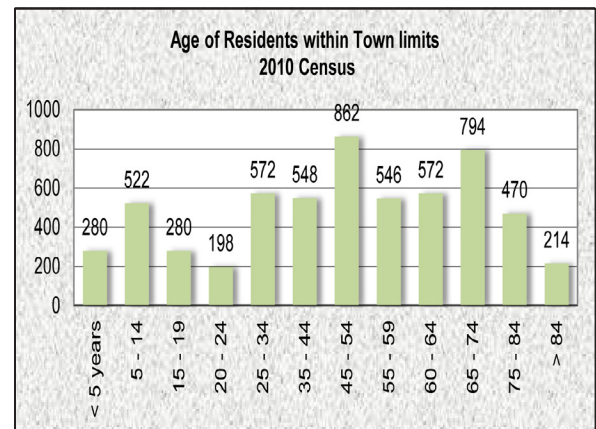
April—September 39° F  
October—March 22° F

#### Average precipitation

April—September 1.7 inches  
October—March .60 inches

#### Average snowfall

April—September .85 inches  
October—March 4.8 inches



## Accommodations

128 lodging establishments, with a total of 2,938 units  
RV spaces: 731  
Tent spaces: 255  
YMCA of the Rockies: 655 units (included in total above)

## Air Travel & Transportation

Denver International Airport (DIA) [www.flydenver.com](http://www.flydenver.com)  
Loveland/Fort Collins Airport: corporate jet service available  
Limousine and local taxi service  
Shuttle service: one-way or round-trip to DIA  
VIA Mobility Services: non-profit, wheelchair-accessible transportation for those who cannot access or afford other transit alternatives 1-888-647-9768

## Arts & Culture

### **Estes Park Museum**

[www.estes.org/museum](http://www.estes.org/museum) 970-586-6256

### **Estes Park Senior Center**

[www.estes.org/seniorcenter](http://www.estes.org/seniorcenter) 970-586-2996

### **Estes Valley Library**

[www.estesvalleylibrary.org](http://www.estesvalleylibrary.org) 970-586-8116

Art galleries	Arts & crafts shows
Theaters/Performing Arts	Museums
Estes Park Film Festival	Concerts

## Campgrounds & RV Parks

Arapaho/Roosevelt National Forest campgrounds: 2  
Larimer County campgrounds: 3  
Private campgrounds: 10  
Rocky Mountain National Park campgrounds: 5

## Conference Facilities

### **Estes Park Conference Center**

Call 970-214-9227 or email [tpickering@estes.org](mailto:tpickering@estes.org)  
20,000 sq. ft. with an 8,000 sq.-ft. ballroom  
Accommodates groups up to 1,000 people

A variety of other properties are available that provide conference facilities for groups of various sizes. Call the number listed above for more information.

## Construction totals for 2011

Building permits: 498  
Construction valuation: \$11,904,279  
Residential housing permits: 390  
Residential valuation: \$10,203,477  
Commercial building permits: 108  
Commercial valuation: \$1,700,802  
Building permits and sign permits are required.

## Sales Tax

Town of Estes Park	4.0%	} 7.5%
Larimer County	0.6% (effective 7-1-12)	
State of Colorado	2.9%	
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Lodging tax	2.0%	

## Educational Institutions

### **Park School District R-3**

#### **Estes Park Elementary School** (grades PreK-5)

Total students 2011-2012: 518

Teacher student ratio:

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3 - 1:13	4 - 1:14	5 - 1:14

#### **Estes Park Middle School** (grades 6-8)

Total students 2011-2012: 246

Teacher/student ratio:

6 - 1:10	7 - 1:17	8 - 1:10
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#### **Estes Park High School** (grades 9-12)

Total students 2011-2012: 379

Teacher student ratio: 1:15

#### **Estes Park Options School (Home School)**

Total students 2011-2012: 32

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6

Total Park School District R-3 employees: 171

### **Eagle Rock School** (alternative residential high school)

### **Higher Education**

University of Colorado	Boulder/Denver
Colorado State University	Fort Collins
University of Northern Colorado	Greeley
Colorado School of Mines	Golden
Metropolitan State College	Denver
University of Denver	Denver
Front Range Community College	Fort Collins
Aims Community College	Greeley

## Financial Institutions

Banks: 4	Credit Unions: 1
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## Housing

### **Sales and Rentals in 2011**

Single-family home sales: \$81,919,699  
Average selling price: \$347,117  
Average time on the market: 179 days  
Townhome and condominium sales: \$19,788,200  
Average selling price: \$270,975  
Average time on the market: 201 days  
Average rental price, 2-bedroom house/condo: \$990  
Average rental price, 3-bedroom house/condo: \$1,317

### **Senior Housing**

Good Samaritan Village: 46 twin homes, 34 senior apartments, 24 assisted-living apartments  
The Pines of Estes Park: 24 apartments  
Prospect Park Living Center: 60 skilled-nursing beds  
Trail Ridge Apartments: 24 units

### **Rent-adjusted Housing**

Park Ridge Apartments: 32 units  
S. Saint Vrain Quarters: 12 units  
Lone Tree Village: 57 units  
Talons Pointe: 44 units  
Cleave Street Apartments: 10 units  
Section 8 Rental Assistance Program

### **Estes Park Housing Authority**

[www.esteshousing.org](http://www.esteshousing.org) or 970-577-3730

*Statistics provided by the Estes Park Board of Realtors® and the Estes Park Housing Authority*

## Major Employers

Estes Park Medical Center	970-586-2317
Estes Valley Recreation & Park District	970-586-8191
Harmony Foundation	970-586-4491
Rocky Mountain Park Inn	970-586-2332
Park School District R-3	970-586-2361
Rocky Mountain National Park	970-586-1206
Safeway Food & Drug	970-586-4447
Town of Estes Park	970-586-5331
YMCA of the Rockies	970-586-3341

## Medical Services

Full-time doctors: 13	Clinics: 4
Specialty Clinic physicians: 27	Pharmacies: 3
Eye-care professionals: 2	Dentists: 6
Chiropractors: 5	

**Estes Park Medical Center:** 555 Prospect Avenue  
25-bed critical acute facility; 24-hour emergency, ambulance and air transport services; surgical, obstetrics and birthing center; orthopaedics; swing beds; home health care; hospice; Specialty Clinic; Family Medical Clinic; and long-term care.

**Prospect Park Living Center:** 60 skilled-nursing beds with 24-hour care.

## Media

### Television

EPTV—Channel 8	970-586-6399
Government TV—Channel 12	970-577-3700

### High-speed Internet services available

### Radio

KREV 104.7

### Newspapers

Estes Park News, published weekly	970-586-5800
Estes Park Trail-Gazette, twice weekly	970-586-3356
Metropolitan daily newspapers available	

## Utilities

### Electric Service\* (provided by the Town of Estes Park)

Residential	\$0.09979/kWh
Small commercial	\$0.09686/kWh
Large commercial	\$0.04493/kWh
Time-of-day rates are also available	

\* Rates subject to change with Town Board approval

### Natural Gas\* (provided by Xcel Energy)

For residential and commercial rates, contact Xcel Energy directly at 1-800-895-4999 or [www.Xcelenergy.com](http://www.Xcelenergy.com).

\* Rates are subject to monthly changes due to market values

### Sewer Services\*

#### Estes Park Sanitation District 970-586-2866

Single-family	\$316 annually/\$79 quarterly
Multi-family A	\$316 annually/\$79 quarterly
Multi-family B	\$210 annually/\$52.50 quarterly
Commercial	\$5.96/1,000 gallons (metered)

\* Utility rates are subject to change

## Recreation

### Estes Valley Recreation & Park District

[www.estesvalleyrecreation.com](http://www.estesvalleyrecreation.com) 970-586-8191

A public agency providing parks and recreation programs for members of the community and visitors to Estes Park. The district provides the following facilities, recreational programs, and much more:

9-hole Golf Course	Hiking/cycling
18-hole golf course	Parks/playgrounds
Youth/adult sports programs	Ball fields
Outdoor basketball courts	Outdoor tennis courts
Estes Park Aquatic Center	Youth Center
Lake Estes Marina/boating	

### Other Recreational Opportunities

Health clubs	horseback riding
Organized races/marathons	Cycling

Roosevelt National Forest: hiking, camping, mountain biking, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, rock climbing, bird watching

## Rocky Mountain National Park

<a href="http://www.nps.gov/romo">www.nps.gov/romo</a>	970-586-1206
2011 Visitor Count: 3,335,862	
Camping (see Campgrounds)	Fishing
Over 355 miles of hiking trails	Rock climbing
Cross-country skiing	Wildlife-watching area
Snowshoeing	Scenic drives
Sledding area	Seminars

## Scenic Drives

Trail Ridge Road: open seasonally  
Information line: 970-586-1222  
Old Fall River Road: open seasonally  
Information line: 970-586-1206  
Bear Lake Road: under construction in 2012/2013; call 970-586-1222 for updates  
Peak-to-Peak Highway: open year-round

### Water\* (provided by the Town of Estes Park)

Single-family residence rates:	
Urban rate	\$19.96 min./month
Rural rate	\$31.97 min./month
3/4-inch tap fee	\$11,203 (inside town limits)

#### Upper Thompson Sanitation District 970-586-4544

Metered customers: \$6.25/1,000 gallons plus \$5.25/mo. per tap connection  
Non-metered customers (minimum based on 24 fixture unit values which equals one single-family equivalent): \$351.54 annually

\*Each customer's rates will differ based on the numbers of FUVs/SFEs utilized



## Estes Park Senior Center

220 Fourth Street 970-586-2996  
[www.estes.org/seniorcenter](http://www.estes.org/seniorcenter)

Catered lunches each weekday - open to the public  
 Reservations are required - call 970-586-2996  
 Take-out is available

Meals on Wheels	Adult education	Arts & culture
Travel and tours	Social events	Card games
Fit-for-Life classes	Lifelong learning	Pool tables

## Community Contacts

Board of Realtors	970-586-6628
Eagle Rock School	970-586-0600
Estes Park Housing Authority	970-577-3730
Estes Park Museum	970-586-6256
Estes Park Sanitation District office	970-586-2866
Estes Valley Library	970-586-8116
Estes Valley Recreation & Park District	970-586-8191
Estes Valley Fire Protection District	970-577-0900
Hospital - Estes Park Medical Center	970-586-2317
Police Department	970-586-4000
Rocky Mountain National Park	970-586-1206
Roosevelt National Forest	970-295-6600
School District - Park School District R-3	970-586-2361
Senior Center	970-586-2996
Social Security Administration	866-336-7385 or 800-772-1213
Town Government	970-586-5331
Upper Thompson Sanitation District	970-586-4544
Estes Park Visitor Center/Visitor Services	970-577-9900 or 1-800-44-ESTES
Excel Energy	800-895-4999
YMCA of the Rockies - Estes Park Center	970-586-3341

## Larimer County Government

[www.larimer.org](http://www.larimer.org)

Community Health Services (Estes Park)	970-577-2050
County Commissioners Office (Fort Collins)	970-498-7010
Family Planning (Estes Park)	970-577-2050
Hazardous Household Waste (Fort Collins)	970-498-5760
Health/Environment Department (Estes Park)	970-577-2050
Human Services (Estes Park)	970-577-2150
License plates (County Clerk - Estes Park)	970-577-2025
Marriage licenses (County Clerk - Estes Park)	970-577-2025
Property taxes (Assessor's office - Fort Collins)	970-498-7050
Restaurant inspections (Estes Park)	970-577-2050
Septic inspections (Estes Park)	970-577-2050
Sheriff's Office (Estes Park)	970-577-2070
Voter registration (County Clerk - Estes Park)	970-577-2025
Water inspections (Estes Park)	970-577-2050

## Colorado State Government

[www.colorado.gov](http://www.colorado.gov)

Division of Wildlife, regional office	970-472-4300
Drivers license offices	
Loveland 118 E. 29th Street, #F	970-667-7247
Fort Collins 1121 W. Prospect Road	970-494-9806
Longmont 917 S. Main Street, #600	303-776-4073
House of Representatives (January - May)	800-811-7647
State Senate (January - May)	888-473-8136
Road conditions 303-639-1111 or 877-315-7623	
State Patrol	970-224-3027
Taxpayer Services Division	303-238-7378

## Events and Activities

Here's a sampling of the events held throughout the year:

Jazz Fest	Wool Market
July 4th fireworks	Elk Fest
Rooftop Rodeo	Free music performances
Auto Extravaganza	Horse shows
Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival	
Catch the Glow Holiday Celebration & Parade	

[www.visitestespark.com](http://www.visitestespark.com) or call 1-800-44-ESTES for more information.

[www.estesparkrealtors.com](http://www.estesparkrealtors.com)  
[www.eaglerockschool.org](http://www.eaglerockschool.org)  
[www.esteshousing.org](http://www.esteshousing.org)  
[www.estes.org/museum](http://www.estes.org/museum)  
[www.estesparksanitation.org](http://www.estesparksanitation.org)  
[www.estesvalleylibrary.org](http://www.estesvalleylibrary.org)  
[www.estesvalleyrecreation.com](http://www.estesvalleyrecreation.com)  
[www.estesparkfire.com](http://www.estesparkfire.com)  
[www.epmedcenter.com](http://www.epmedcenter.com)  
[www.estes.org/pd](http://www.estes.org/pd)  
[www.nps.gov/romo](http://www.nps.gov/romo)  
[www.fs.usda.gov/main/arp/home](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/arp/home)  
[www.estesschools.org](http://www.estesschools.org)  
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